



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
LANSING

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

JANET OLSZEWSKI
DIRECTOR

April 12, 2007

Dear Health Director:

The Michigan Department of Community Health is currently involved in the renewal process for the MI Choice waiver, which is Michigan's 1915(c) home and community based waiver for the elderly and disabled populations. The current waiver approval period ends on September 30, 2007 and the application for renewal is due to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) no later than June 30, 2007.

The Office of Long Term Care Supports and Services and the Medical Services Administration are currently conducting on-going stakeholder meetings in which a variety of policy and operational topics are being discussed relative to waiver renewal. You are invited to participate in these meetings if you desire. You can also find information pertinent to the waiver renewal at the following link: <http://198.109.129.5:3455/michoice/home>. Choose your own user name and use the password, *michoice* to access the documents. An attached document provides the dates and locations of future stakeholder meetings. We will also advise you of the opportunity to review the draft waiver renewal package at the time it becomes available.

While not related to the waiver renewal process, it is our understanding that Michigan's tribes are interested in learning how they might become involved in providing MI Choice services in the future. The department has contacted the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for guidance as to how this might best be accomplished. We are hopeful that we can begin the process of addressing these issues in collaboration with you in the very near future. Mary Anne Tribble, Medicaid's liaison to Michigan's tribes, will be working with you in this process. You can reach Mary Anne at (517) 241-7185.

Sincerely,

Paul Reinhart, Director
Medical Services Administration

Attachments

cc: Tribal Chairpersons

**Michigan Department of Community Health
MI Choice Waiver Renewal Stakeholder
Forum Meetings
10:00 am - 12:30 pm**

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| February 23, 2007 | Michigan Home Health Association, Suite 220 |
| March 9, 2007 | Capitol Commons Center, Basement, Rooms E & F |
| March 23, 2007 | Capitol Commons Center, Basement, Rooms E & F |
| March 30, 2007 | Michigan Home Health Association, Suite 220 |
| April 13, 2007 | Capitol Commons Center, Basement, Rooms E & F |
| April 27, 2007 | Capitol Commons Center, Basement, Rooms E & F |
| May 11, 2007 | Michigan Home Health Association, Suite 220 |
| May 25, 2007 | Capitol Commons Center, Basement, Rooms E & F |

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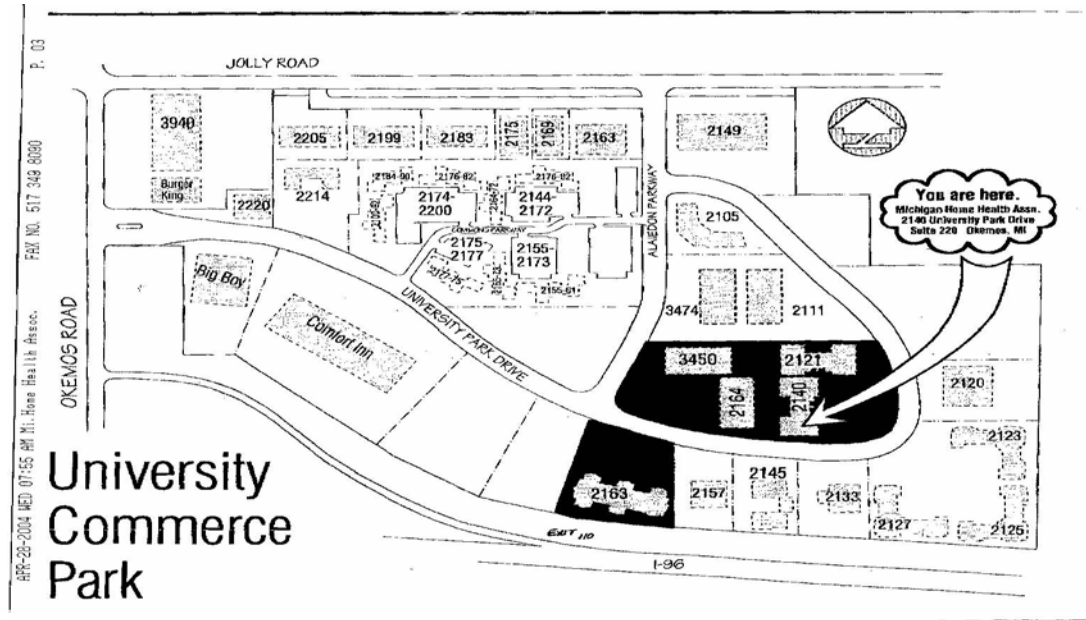
Attachment I

From I-96: Take Exit 110 (Okemos Road) north to University Park Drive East (large green sign - University Commerce Park). Follow University Park Drive to the curve. The building is on just before the curve.

From US 127: Take I-96 East (Detroit) to Exit 110. See above

From I-69 East: Take East Lansing/Haslett Exit to Marsh Road. Turn left (south) to Grand River Road. Turn right (west) to Okemos Road. Turn left (south), go past Jolly Road. You will see a large green sign - University Commerce Park on your left (west). Turn left. Follow University Park Drive to the curve. The building is on just before the curve.

From I-69 West: Take I-96 East. See above.



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If entering city from I-96, US-27 from the southwest, US-27 from the south or I-69 from the southwest, take I-496 to downtown, exit MLK/Logan Street; proceed north on MLK/Logan to Kalamazoo for two blocks to Pine Street. The building is located at corner of Kalamazoo and Pine.

From the north on US-27 take Oakland Avenue west to Pine Street, south on Pine to the building.

From the northeast on I-69 take exit 94 which is Business I-69; turns into Saginaw Street then Oakland Avenue (one way street) turn left (south) on Pine Street.

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